

REMARKS

Claims 7, 8, and 10-14 are pending in this application. Claims 7, 8, and 10-13 stand rejected. By this Amendment, claims 7, 8, 10, 11, and 13 have been amended and new claim 14 has been added. No new matter has been added by this amendment. The amendments made to the claims have been made to improve the form thereof. In light of the amendments and remarks set forth below, Applicants respectfully submit that each of the pending claims is in immediate condition for allowance.

Paragraph 3 of the Office Action objects to claim 7 due to a typographical error. Applicants have corrected this typographical error and respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the objection to claim 7.

Claims 7, 8, and 10-13 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 101 as claiming the same invention as that of claims 5-10 of U.S. Patent No. 6,859,036. Applicants respectfully traverse this double-patenting rejection.

Applicants respectfully submit that the claims of the present application are patentable distinct and not coextensive with the claims of the '036 patent. In particular, the electromagnetic wave-irradiating system of the present invention is provided in the first room-temperature space. In contrast, in the '036 patent, the magnetic wave-irradiating system is provided in the third room-temperature space. This distinction is sufficiently different so that the pending claims and the claims of the '036 patent are not coextensive in scope.

Because the third room-temperature space intersects the first room-temperature space and the second room-temperature at right angles, both the first and third room-temperature spaces are clearly distinguished from each other. The distinctions between the first and third room-temperature spaces are discussed in the present specification. Applicants respectfully submit that the pending claims are distinct

and have a scope different than the claims of the '036 patent and are therefore allowable. Thus, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the statutory double-patenting rejection.

Applicant has responded to all of the rejections and objections recited in the Office Action. Reconsideration and a Notice of Allowance for all of the pending claims are therefore respectfully requested.

In view of the above, each of the presently pending claims in this application is believed to be in immediate condition for allowance. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to withdraw the outstanding rejection of the claims and to pass this application to issue.

If the Examiner believes an interview would be of assistance, the Examiner is welcome to contact the undersigned at the number listed below.

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